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1. SECRETARY'S TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ON SEPTEMBER 19 CONSTITUTES A MAJOR STATEMENT OF US DETENTE POLICY. AS SUCH, THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT WILL BE OF MAJOR INTEREST TO ALL ALLIES. MAJOR EXCERPTS HAVE BEEN CARRIED ON WIRELESS FILE AND WE ASSUME YOU HAVE CIRCULATED THEM TO ALL PERMREPS. FULL TEXT BEING POUCED.

2. FURTHER, YOU MIGHT COMMENT TO ALLIES, PERHAPS AT NEXT PERMREP LUNCH, THAT WE WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN THEIR CONSIDERED COMMENTS ON THE STATEMENT. IT COULD PROVIDE A USEFUL BASIS FOR DISCUSSION PERHAPS AT AN EARLY PERMREP LUNCH, AND YOU MAY WISH TO SUGGEST AN EARLY EXCHANGE ON SOME OF THE ISSUES RAISED BY THE SECRETARY. OUR AIM WOULD NOT BE A RIGID, INSTRUCTED PRESENTATION OF POSITIONS, BUT A DISCUSSION IN WHICH PERMREPS COULD SPEAK CONFIDENTIAL

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ON THE BASIS OF A BROAD PERSPECTIVE. SUCH A CONSULTATION,

WE BELIEVE, WOULD BE OF SUBSTANTIAL BENEFIT IN
ASSURING CAREFUL REFLECTION ON THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY
THE SECRETARY.

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